

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 7, 13 and 19 as follows:

1. (currently amended) A multimedia user station, ~~an Internet Protocol (IP) network connected to a switched circuit network~~, said multimedia user station capable of connecting to said an IP network connected to a switched circuit network and participating in a multimedia conference call conducted over the IP network and the switched circuit network, said multimedia conference call comprising an audio portion conducted and maintained over the IP network and switched circuit network and an extra-audio portion conducted over the IP network, said multimedia user station comprising:

special purpose software operated sometime after the audio portion of the conference call is established to:

transmit the IP address of said multimedia user station in a message over the switched circuit network; ~~and~~

negotiate extra-audio capabilities with other multimedia user stations on a the conference call, said negotiation conducted over the IP network; ~~and~~

establish the extra-audio portion of the conference call with said other multimedia user stations, said extra-audio portion conducted over the IP network while the audio portion is maintained over the IP network and switched circuit network.

2. (original) A multimedia user station according to claim 1, wherein said IP address message is transmitted in accordance to an in-band acoustic signaling protocol.

3. (original) A multimedia user station according to claim 2, wherein said in-band acoustic signaling protocol is Frequency Shift Key (FSK).

4. (original) A multimedia user station according to claim 2, wherein said in-band acoustic signaling protocol is Dual Tone Multi-Frequency (DTMF).

5. (original) A multimedia user station according to claim 1, wherein said IP address messages is transmitted in accordance to an out-of-band signaling protocol.

6. (original) A multimedia user station according to claim 5, wherein said out-of-band acoustic signaling protocol is Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN).

7. (currently amended) A multimedia user station, ~~an Internet Protocol (IP) network connected to a switched circuit network~~, said multimedia user station capable of connecting to said an IP network connected to a switched circuit network and participating in a multimedia conference call conducted over the IP network and the switched circuit network, said multimedia conference call comprising an audio portion conducted and maintained over the IP network and switched circuit network and an extra-audio portion conducted over the IP network, said IP network including multipoint control unit (MCU) to conduct the multimedia conference, said multimedia user station comprising:

special purpose software operated sometime after the audio portion of the conference call is established to:

transmit the IP address of said multipoint control unit in a message over the switched circuit network; and

negotiate extra-audio capabilities with said multipoint control unit and one or more other multimedia user stations on the conference call, said negotiation conducted over the IP network; and

establish the extra-audio portion of the conference call with said multipoint control unit and said other multimedia user stations, said extra-audio portion conducted over the IP network while the audio portion is maintained over the IP network and switched circuit network.

8. (original) A multimedia user station according to claim 7, wherein said IP address message is transmitted in accordance to an in-band acoustic signaling protocol.

9. (original) A multimedia user station according to claim 8, wherein said in-band acoustic signaling protocol is Frequency Shift Key (FSK).

10. (original) A multimedia user station according to claim 8, wherein said in-band acoustic signaling protocol is Dual Tone Multi-Frequency (DTMF).

11. (original) A multimedia user station according to claim 7, wherein said IP address message is transmitted in accordance to an out-of-band signaling protocol.

12. (original) A multimedia user station according to claim 11, wherein said out-of-band acoustic signaling protocol is Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN).

13. (currently amended) A method to set up a multimedia conference over an Internet Protocol (IP) network connected to a switched circuit network, two or more multimedia user stations connected to the IP network and zero or more standard telephone instruments connected to the switched circuit network, said multimedia conference call comprising an audio portion conducted and maintained over a combination of the IP network and circuit switched circuit network and an extra-audio portion conducted over the IP network, said two or more multimedia user stations capable of participating in the audio portion over the combination of IP network and switched circuit network and the extra-audio portion over the IP network ~~a multimedia conference call conducted over the IP network and the switched circuit network~~, said zero or more standard telephone instruments capable of participating in the audio portion over the switched circuit network ~~an audio conference call over the switched circuit network~~, said method comprising:

establishing ~~an audio conference~~ the audio portion via the combination of the IP network and switched circuit network between said two or more multimedia user stations and said zero or more standard telephone instruments;

transmitting, by one of said two or more multimedia user stations, the IP address of said one of said two or more multimedia user stations in a message over the switched circuit network; and

negotiating extra-audio capabilities by said one of said two or more multimedia user stations with the others of said two or more multimedia user stations on the conference call, said negotiation conducted over the IP network;

whereby said two or more multimedia user stations and said zero or more standard telephone instruments ~~may conduct an audio conference~~ the audio portion of said conference call via said combination of the IP network and switched circuit network, and said two or more multimedia user stations ~~may conduct an associated extra-audio conference~~ the extra-audio portion of said conference call over said IP network.

14. (original) A method to set up a multimedia conference according to claim 13, wherein said IP address message is transmitted in accordance to an in-band acoustic signaling protocol.

15. (original) A method to set up a multimedia conference according to claim 14, wherein said in-band acoustic signaling protocol is Frequency Shift Key (FSK).

16. (original) A method to set up a multimedia conference according to claim 14, wherein said in-band acoustic signaling protocol is Dual Tone Multi-Frequency (DTMF).

17. (original) A method to set up a multimedia conference according to claim 13, wherein said IP address message is transmitted in accordance to an out-of-band signaling protocol.

18. (original) A method to set up a multimedia conference according to claim 17, wherein said out-of-band acoustic signaling protocol is Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN).

19. (currently amended) A method to set up a multimedia conference over an Internet Protocol (IP) network connected to a switched circuit network, two or more multimedia user stations connected to the IP network and zero or more standard telephone instruments connected to the switched circuit network, said multimedia conference call comprising an audio portion conducted and maintained over a combination of the IP network and circuit switched circuit network and an extra-audio portion conducted over the IP network, said two or more multimedia user stations capable of participating in the audio portion over the combination of IP network and switched circuit network and the extra-audio portion over the IP network ~~a multimedia conference call conducted over the IP network and the switched circuit network~~, said zero or more standard telephone instruments capable of participating in the audio portion over the switched circuit network ~~an audio conference call over the switched circuit network~~, the IP network including a multipoint control unit (MCU) to conduct the multimedia conference, said method comprising:

establishing ~~an audio conference~~ the audio portion via the combination of the IP network and switched circuit network between said two or more multimedia user stations and said zero or more standard telephone instruments;

transmitting, by one said two or more multimedia user stations, the IP address of said MCU in a message over the switched circuit network; and

negotiating extra-audio capabilities with said MCU by said two or more multimedia user stations on the conference call, said negotiations conducted over the IP network;

whereby said two or more multimedia user stations and said zero or more standard telephone instruments ~~may conduct an audio conference~~ the audio portion of said conference call via said combination of the IP network and switched circuit network, and said two or more multimedia user stations ~~may conduct an associated extra-audio conference~~ the extra-audio portion of said conference call over said IP network.

20. (original) A method to set up a multimedia conference according to claim 19, wherein said IP address message is transmitted in accordance to an in-band acoustic signaling protocol.

21. (original) A method to set up a multimedia conference according to claim 20, wherein said in-band acoustic signaling protocol is Frequency Shift Key (FSK).

22. (original) A method to set up a multimedia conference according to claim 20, wherein said in-band acoustic signaling protocol is Dual Tone Multi-Frequency (DTMF).

23. (original) A method to set up a multimedia conference according to claim 19, wherein said IP address message is transmitted in accordance to an out-of-band signaling protocol.

24. (original) A method to set up a multimedia conference according to claim 23, wherein said out-of-band acoustic signaling protocol is Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN).